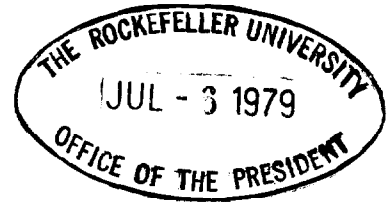




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Dear Josh:

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I am writing to reinforce the message that you, by now, have probably received from Ed Rall regarding Dr. King Engel. Engel is one of the world's outstanding experts in the study and treatment of neuromuscular diseases. I believe the standard treatment at the present time for myasthenia gravis is the result of his work. He is also very well known for laboratory and clinical work related to amyotrophic lateral sclerosis and other neuropathies. Engel is, in my opinion, undergoing an unfair and unimaginative kind of persecution by the clinical director of his Institute and for this reason is seriously considering leaving the NIH for more pleasant surroundings. I know that he is almost certain to be able to support himself in relation to his own research through grants. Furthermore, he has been offered quite a sum of money recently, designed to be used for setting up a large group or "institute."

I got to know him quite well during the treatment that he undertook of a close friend of mine who had ALS (and who, unfortunately, succumbed to the disease). We managed to arrange to have him receive 10⁶ units of interferon per day for 100 days and I was enormously impressed by Engel's high level of integrity and empathy, and his patient and scientific handling and control of this case.

I am happy to indicate my strong support of this dedicated physician should his name come up in connection with possibilities at Rockefeller University.

Best regards,

C. B. Anfinsen

cc - Dr. Kappas